VPI Professor Wins Honor

C. W. HOLDAWAY CHOSEN FARM "MAN OF YEAR"

C. W. Hoadaway, head of the dairy husbandry department at V. P. I., has been selected as "man of the year" in Virginia agriculture by a farm publication. The announcement, a Christmas surprise for Professor Holdaway, is made in the current issue of the publication.

Born the son of a pioneer farm couple in New Zealand, May 24, 1880, Holdaway grew to manhood on a dairy farm, learned to love work and education, worked with creameries in his native land, and in 1901 traveled to Australia, Samoa, Hawaii and Canada.

January 1, 1905, he joined the V. P. I. staff, returned to Canada briefly in 1907 to marry Carrie Ernestine McTavish, earned a B. S. degree in agriculture and an M. S. in agricultural chemistry and genetics at V. P. I., and then moved up through his department to its headship. He has been in charge since 1921.

Not only has Professor Holdaway grown up with his department, but he is credited by his associates with having been the main contributor to its growth and is especially recognized for his studies of the nutrient requirements of dairy cattle. His findings have been the basis for protein levels in dairy cow rations for thirty or more years and were especially useful during the protein scarcity of the last war period.

This and related research has resulted in at least 17 valuable bulletins on dairy husandry, published by the Agricultural Experiment Experiment Station at V. P. I., and quoted widely wherever scientists meet.

Other accomplishments to his credit include the first testing of dairy herds in Virginia, as early as 1908, which has grown into the statewide dairy herd improvement association covering 898 herds and 38,600 cows; helping to organize in 1907 the State Dairymen's Association, and in 1915 a creamerymen's association, now the Virginia Dairy Products Ass ciation; and being one of the founders of the Southern Division of the American Dairy Science Association, which has since bestowed special honors upon him.

Professor Holdaway has long been a member of Phi Kappa Phi, having been president of the V. P. I. chapter and serving on its membership committee for 15 years. He has been chairman for many years of the committee which selects students for scholarship recognition in the school of agriculture at V. P. I. He is also a member of Alpha Zeta and Sigma Xi, a past master of No. 56 A. F. and A. M., and an elder in the Blacksburg Presbyterian Church.

Of all his accomplishments, Professor Holdaway takes greatest pride in the fine records that many of his students have made since graduation, and in those of his six children who are now making their own way in the world.

New Variety Spring Oats

NEW SPRING OAT AVAILABLE FOR 1951

Seed of a new spring oat that promises to do well even in eastern Virginia will be available for the 1951 season, says W. W. Lewis, associate agronomist, Agricultural Extension Service, V. P. I.

Called Andrew, it will be generally available for planting in the northern coastal plain, Piedmont, and western Virginia. Seed also are available in limited quantities in eastern Virginia, where distribution is being handled through county agents.

Lewis says that heretofore spring oats have not been recommended for eastern counties because none yielded well. But one-year tests at Williamsburg Experiment Station indicate that Andrew may be adapted to that area.

Andrew oats have consistently outyielded other varieties, not only at Williamsburg but at other field locations of the Experiment Station. It averaged 10 bushels per acre higher than Clinton or Benton west of the Blue Ridge and in the Piedmont, and from 4 to 5 bushels higher in the coastal plain.

The new oat is early-maturing, yellow-grained, and low in hull percentage. It has good weight and good standing ability. Although somewhat resistant to some diseases, plant pathologists at V. P. I. recommend seed treatment before planting.

The Andrew oat is a cross developed by the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station and released there in 1949. Most of the tests in Virginia are on a one-year basis only.

Seed are available this soon largely through the operations of Seed Stocks of Virginia, Inc., a farmer's agricultural cooperative association which makes a business of increasing seed stock of new and better varieties. It works closely with the Experiment Station and Extension Service of V. P. I.

Concord

Concord, Dec. 16- Mrs. Roberts visited her daughter, G. T. Hall in Altavista recently.

Mrs. H. B. Scruggs has returned home after visiting her daughter in Florida.

Richard Harvey has returned to Brooklyn, N. Y., after visiting home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Drinkard.

Mrs. L. B. Franklin, of Ba visited here this week.

Newton Wilkerson was in Lynchburg recently.

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